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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

**[NPS-NCR-WHHO-20523; PPNCWHHOP0, PPMVSIE1Z.I00000 (166)]**

**Information Collection Request Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; National Park Service President's Park National Christmas Tree Music Program Application**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (National Park Service, NPS) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. We summarize the ICR below and describe the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

**DATES:** You must submit comments on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments and suggestions on this information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB-OIRA at (202) 395-5806 (fax) or [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) (email). Please provide a copy of your comments to Madonna L. Baucum, Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Room 2C114, Mail Stop 242, Reston, VA 20192; or [madonna\\_baucum@nps.gov](mailto:madonna_baucum@nps.gov) (email). Please include "1024-WHHO" in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Katie Wilmes, National Park Service, 1100 Ohio Drive SW Rm 344,

Washington, DC 20242; or via email: Katie\_Wilmes@nps.gov. You may review the ICR online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. ABSTRACT**

The National Park Service (NPS) Organic Act of 1916 (Organic Act) (54 U.S.C. 100101 et seq.) gives the NPS broad authority to regulate the use of the park areas under its jurisdiction. Consistent with the Organic Act, as well as the Constitution's Establishment Clause which mandates government neutrality and allows the placement of holiday secular and religious displays, the National Christmas Tree Music Program's holiday musical entertainment may include both holiday secular and religious music. To ensure that any proposed music selection is consistent with the Establishment Clause, and presented in a prudent and objective manner as a traditional part of the culture and heritage of this annual holiday event, it must be approved in advance by the NPS.

The NPS National Christmas Tree Music Program at President's Park is intended to provide musical entertainment for park visitors during December on the Ellipse, where in celebration of the holiday season, visitors can observe the National Christmas Tree, visit assorted yuletide displays, and attend musical presentations. Each year, park officials accept applications from musical groups who wish to participate in the annual National Christmas Tree Program. The NPS utilizes Form 10-942, "National Christmas Tree Music Program Application" to accept applications from the public for participation in the program. Park officials utilize the following information from applicants in order to select, plan, schedule, and contact performers for the National Christmas Tree Program:

- Contact name, phone number, and email.
- Group name and location (city, state).

- Preferred performance dates and times.
- Music selections / song list.
- Equipment needs.
- Number of performers.
- Type of group (choir, etc.).
- Acknowledgement of the musical entertainment policy.

## II. Data

**OMB Control Number:** 1024-WHHO.

**Title:** National Park Service President's Park National Christmas Tree Music Program Application.

**Service Form Number(s):** NPS Form 10-942, "National Christmas Tree Music Program Application".

**Type of Request:** Existing collection in use without approval.

**Description of Respondents:** Local, national, and international bands, choirs, or dance groups.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 75.

**Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 19.

**Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** None.

## III. Comments

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;

- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;  
and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

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